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Rules hearing scheduled for precollege scholarships

MADISON—The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Room 041 of the GEF 3 Building, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, to take public testimony on proposed rules related to precollege scholarships.

The DPI is proposing the rules to reflect recent changes to statutory language and current administration of the precollege scholarship program.

The proposed rules specify that precollege scholarships are for economically disadvantaged students, defined as those students who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals under federal income guidelines. The proposed rules clarify that scholarships awarded to eligible students will be paid to postsecondary educational institutions based on the number of eligible students who attend precollege programs. Precollege programs must meet certain requirements, which include being designed to improve student academic skills that are essential for success in postsecondary studies. The proposed rules further specify that eligible students in grades six through 12 may receive three scholarship awards per year, rather than being limited to one scholarship per semester.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. A copy of the administrative rules and fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pb/rulespg.html>. Copies of these materials also are available by sending an e-mail request to lori.slauson@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Lori Slauson, administrative rules and federal grants coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841. Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses above no later than April 6 and will receive the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

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